

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Final Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed April 5, 2007. Claims 2 and 21 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-20, and 22-28 are pending in this Application. Claims 1, 3-20 and 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 1, 3, 20, 24, 25 and 27 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5-15, 18, 20, 24, 27 and 28 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,996,450 issued to Edward J. Suttle (*"Suttle"*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,970,639 issued to John Mark McGrath (*"McGrath"*).

Claims 3, 4, 22-23 and 25-26 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of *Suttle* and *McGrath*, as applied to claim 1, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,076,080 issued to William F. Morscheck (*"Morscheck"*).

Claims 16-17 and 19 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Suttle*.

Suttle discloses an automated manufacturing system and method for manufacturing photomasks based on information provided by a customer. (Col. 5, lines 40-44). The method and system includes software for processing photomask design data, where the software is configured to extract information from customer design data and arrange such data in a format suitable for performing photomask manufacturing tasks. (Col. 5, lines 57-61).

McGrath discloses an editing system for editing video and/or audio source content. (Col. 1, lines 7-12). The system includes source metadata associated with the source content, template metadata defining a certain style for content, and a processing unit configured to apply the template to the source content by comparing the source metadata with the template metadata in order to arrange portions of the source content to produce an edited content sequence. (Col. 1, lines 29-39).

Claims 1 and 24, as amended, recite a method comprising “validating the product order information file by automatically comparing the product order information file to the template to identify any inconsistencies.”

Claim 20, as amended, recites a system comprising executable instructions operable to “validate the product order information file by automatically comparing the product order information file to the template to identify at least one inconsistency.”

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references fail to disclose every element of Applicants’ invention. Further, there is no motivation, suggestion or teaching to combine either *Suttle* and *McGrath*. For instance, neither *Suttle* nor *McGrath*, disclose or suggest a method including the step of “validating the product order information file by automatically comparing the product order information file to the template to identify any inconsistencies,” as recited by amended Claims 1 and 24. Additionally, *Suttle* and *McGrath*, alone or in combination, fail to teach a system for electronic order entry and automatic processing of a photomask including executable instructions operable to “validate the product order information file by automatically comparing the product order information file to the template to identify at least one inconsistency,” as recited by amended Claim 20.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner argues that the limitations of Claims 1 and 24 of Applicants’ invention are disclosed by *McGrath* as follows:

McGrath et al. (McGrath) teaches a method for editing source content to produce an edited content sequence comprising:

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validating the product order information file by automatically comparing the product order information file to the template to identify any inconsistencies (col. 11, lines 6-16; “determining whether any sections of the template have no portions of the source material associated with them” indicates a validating step).

(Office Action, Page 3). However, *McGrath* merely teaches that once a template is selected the template is applied to the source A/V material in order to generate an edited content sequence. (Col. 7, Lines 46-49). Specifically, the template is applied to the source material “by comparing the source metadata with the template metadata in order to associate individual portions of the source A/V material with particular sections of the template.” (Col.

7, lines 49-52) (emphasis added). *McGrath* further discloses that after the comparison is complete, it is determined whether sections of the template are not populated. (Col. 11, lines 6-11) (emphasis added). Finally, “relevant portions of the source A/V material are then preferably arranged in accordance with the comparison to produce an edited content sequence which follows the general style defined by the template.” (Col. 7, line 66 to Col. 8, line 6) (emphasis added). In contrast, Claim 1 of this Application recites “validating the product order information file by automatically comparing the product order information file to the template to identify any inconsistencies.” (emphasis added). *McGrath*, therefore, does not disclose Applicants’ claimed invention and cannot render obvious amended Claims 1 and 24.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of amended Claims 1 and 24, as well as Claims 3-19 and 25-28 that depend therefrom. In addition, for analogous reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of amended independent Claim 20, as well as Claims 22 and 23 that depend therefrom.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and authorize the Commissioner to charge the filing fee of \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

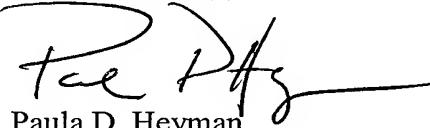
CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful review of the Application. Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and full allowance of Claims 1, 3-20 and 22-28.

Applicants enclose a Request for Continued Examination and Amendment (RCE) and Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$790.00 RCE fee and the \$450.00 Two-Month Extension of Time fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2581.

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